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Italy on the Defensive

T is conceivable that the advance of the Austrians against the Italian lines in the Tyrol will not cause unmixed gloom in allied capitals. The whole course of Italy in the present war has been a disappointment to allied hopes. Italy has never declared war against Germany, and has conducted operations against Austria, it has seemed always, entirely for her own hand. She has never co-operated, in any real sense, with the military plans of France, Britain and Russia. Now she will bear some of the brunt of the fighting. It may do her good-may make her understand that only the most fervent loyalty to the common cause can contribute to the common triumph.

The Tennessee Democrats claim to favor prohibition, but they still stand by Rye.

Park for the Negroes

THAT some Richmond negroes are so resentful of the segregation plan in force here that they oppose the dedication of a park to the special use of the members of their race, ought not to control the action of Council. The park should be established. Whether the site now being considered is the best available is another and different question, entitled to earnest consideration, but it should be decided without reference to criticisms that are merely dilatory and petulant.

The park is needed, and it will be used by those who need it most. It should be established on the site most convenient to the majority of those who may be expected to enjoy its benefits. Discussions of the wisdom of the policy of segregation have no part in the argument and, of course, will not do the slightest good.

When Marshal Saunders is on a steamer hereafter he is supposed to live on the water.

Unionizing the Penpushers

SLY a little while since, when the project to unionize the employees of the city departments was being fostered skillfully, we were rash enough to venture some irreverent remarks on that subject. We were wrong, of course. That movement in Richmond, as now becomes apparent, was but a part of a nation-wide movement to amalgamate all unskilled labor with the American Federation.

Up in New York the writers are in the thick of the tray. They are just on the verge of organizing themselves into the International Brotherhood of Novelists, Jokesmiths. Scenariosmiths, Verslibrists and Chewinggumjinglers. It ought to be a great combination. Ordinarily we do not approve of the incorporation in union creeds of plans to limit output, but in the case of the writers we shall be willing to make an exception. Sabotage with them would justify a monument. There might even be a dearth of Best Sellers

Speed the day when they get their plans to working -- and stop working themselves!

Boston physicians have listed 100 diseases to be caught by kissing. But they omitted to mention love.

Idie Dellars to the Front!

SCHOLARLY persons of an investigating turn of mind and accustomed to deal with large figures, inform us that more than 45 per cent of the money of the country is in the pockets of the people, or in the tea caddy on the pantry shelf, instead of being in the . banks, where it would earn interest for its dustry, bring an even greater prosperity than , in the city while intoxicated. that we now culov

The scholars aforesaid say bank deposits amount to 1,760 millions of dollars, each in the United States Treasury 420 millions, while the remainder, or 1.808 millions, is in various less secure resting places. When it is considered that the 1.760 millions in the banks furnish the basis of 25,000 millions of dollars in credit, the loss in efficiency becomes apparent

Manifestly it is the duty of all of us to do what we can to change this unhappy situation. Every dollar we deposit in the savings bank not only advantages us, but the country as well. A dollar of deposits represents nearly \$15 in banking credit. The miser is not only the meanest but the least patriotic of human beings-especially when he keeps his golden treasures solely to gloat over. While we are preparing to serve our country ourselves, it is an excellent plan to enlist our cash -- however small in amount -- in the same

Admiral Fisks has just suffered another cruel indignity. Some one else has been chosen to command the Atlantic Fleet.

Nothing Like It in Virginia

N EWS dispatches from the town of Girard, Ala., are not altogether clear as to the situation; the alignment of forces isn't readily comprehensible. It seems that, contrary to the general law of the State, large quantities of liquor have been stored in buildings in the town. It seems, further, that the local officials have, for reasons not explained, failed to proceed against those on whose property the liquor was kept. For that reason, a representative of the Attorney-General. the central authority, descended on the town at the head of special constables and militia and conducted a searching raid, with the result that liquor enough to fill five freight ys has already been confiscated. on the other hand, cartier news indicated

THE DISPATCH | that the Governor of the State was taking sides against the Attorney-General's agent, and now a court has enjoined the raiders from removing the confiscated goods from the county in which they were found. The result of the mix-up seems to be up in the air.

Virginia doesn't want to crow over Alabama; at the same time, she is confident enough to bet on it that no such condition will arise here after November 1.

It may sound unreasonable, but when we have the censorship applicants for jobs ought to be required to show they possess some fitness for these positions.

Greater Yavy Assured

THAT the House Committee on Naval Affairs has not gone far enough in providing for naval increases may be conceded. We shall hope to see the provision for two Dreadnoughts restored on the floor of the House, or in the Senate, along with the fiveyear building program. Three Dreadnoughts would be better.

Conceding this, however, the bill which the committee has decided to report in itself marks a new era in the history of the American navy. It provides for five battle cruisers, of thirty-five-knot speed, armed each with eight sixteen-inch guns or ten fourteen-inch guns, and carrying the heaviest armor possible for vessels of this type. They will be the finest and swiftest vessels of their class affoat, and are to cost \$102,000,000. Twenty submarines, four scout cruisers, ten destroyers, a hospital ship, a fuel ship and an ammunition ship also are authorized. The bill adds 16,500 men to the navy personnel.

So far as capital ships are concerned, the committee report goes further than the recommendations of Secretary Daniels. He asked for four-two Dreadnoughts and two battle cruisers-and the committee stands for five. Certainly we need fast vessels of great fighting strength, and five are not too many when we have none in existence or building. But we need also the Dreadnoughts. We need vessels as powerful in defense as in offense. Our navy is a defensive institution, and the battleship always must be its first reliance.

As Secretary Daniels has said, his recommendations represented the minimum and not the maximum of the navy's needs. Doubtless he is as delighted as any one else that five battle cruisers are provided. The "little navy" men on the committee, who swore they would not vote for a single battleship, seem to have kept their own word of promise to the ear, while breaking it to the hope. They have voted for battle cruisers, which mean nearly the same thing.

The building that is to be done under the House committee report aggregates in cost \$160,000,000. This is more than three times the building appropriation made last There never has been a naval construction program that even approximated it. If it were further enlarged by provision for two or three Dreadnoughts and additional fleet and coast defense submarines, the country would feel satisfied.

No great army has been authorized. The conference report, which bids fair ultimately to receive the approval of Congress and the President, gives a regular establishment of something like 210,000 men, and provides pay for perhaps twice as many national guardsmen. That is not extravagant, certainly, for a nation of 100,000,000. It would be only a drop in the bucket if we ever became engaged in a real war, waged under conditions of modern warfare. Our navy must be our principal reliance. It must keep the enemy at bay while we are drilling and arming the hosts of volunteers that in times of danger would flock to the colors, or the conscripts that in such a situation we should call to the colors.

Not only can we afford to be generous to the navy, but we must be generous. Let us give it, in more and bigger ships and increased personnel, what we have saved on the army. House or Senate should place back in the measure the five-year program the committee has stricken out for a program is of the very essence of wise naval expansion. Perhaps it would not bind future Congresses, but it would at least point their

If silence be golden, Justice Hughes is worth several millions to any miner who ever traced a prospect.

Simply a Councilmanic Joke

A GAIN the absurdity of Richmond's ordinances governing the operation of automobiles has been demonstrated. David Dunlop. Jr., of Petersburg, was convicted a few days ago of speeding his automobile in the County of Henrico, was fined \$100 and sentenced to fifteen days in jail. His appeal from the magistrate's decision is pending. Friday morning he was convicted, in the Police Court of Richmond, of having been owners and, poured into the channels of in- guilty of recklessly driving his automobile

> lu accordance with the provisions of section 47 of the traffic regulations, Police Justice Crutchfield solemnly ordered that Dunlop's permit to operate a machine in Richmond he revoked. At first blush, the sentence seems a bit severe, if altogether just, On investigation, however, it becomes ridiculous, for the reason that Dunlop, not being a professional chauffeur, has no permit or license of any kind, and, therefore, none can be revoked. If he were a chauffeur for hire, he would have to obtain a State license, based on affidavits as to his ability to operate a car. As he is an owner, he is required only to obtain a meaningless permit from the Chief of Police that his car is the proper sort of machine to be driven through the streets of Richmond.

> In other words, the ear is licensed by the State and given a permit by the Chief of Police. After those provisions, which apply only to the car, have been complied with, the owner, his friends, relatives and acquaintances may operate it forever, regardless of habits or former convictions, provided only they are not chauffeurs for hire. In other words, again, section 47, which purports to guard the public against intoxicated automobile drivers, is simply a little councilmanie joke

As a politician, this Obregon is hard to beat. He satisfied Scott and Funston, and now he is satisfying the Mexicans by swearing he never said he had any confidence in President Wilson. Still, if Obregon shows that we can trust him, we don't care whether he trusts us or not.

The New York World is still urging the Republicans to nominate Woodrow Wilson. That's their only chance to name a vinner,

Short farm notes may be all right, but at this season the farmers would prefer to see the long green.

SEEN ON THE SIDE

A Remedy for Insomnia. You've been so thoughtless, or so kind, As to invite, my dear T .- D.,

Poetic lucubrations; So you shall have, if you don't mind, A chance anopheles to see Killed by my machinations.

More deadly than the submarine. More to be feared than Gallic curse-At least by ornery skeeters is the old can of kerosene. And though to slaughter I'm averse. I'm one of the oil treaters.

As poured upon the troubled sea. It stills the rising billows high, Till they become quiescent; So, sprayed on pools judiciously, The bugs, or larvae, surely die-

Their glory's evanescent. Are we not justified, T.-D., On 'count of interrupted sleep And numerous welts pathetic. To be as ruthless as can be

And skeeters in oil baths to steep

Till they no more are energetic? H. H. L. The Pessimist Says:

It really seems strange that troubles should not come singly. Desire of one trouble to assotate with another shows mighty poor taste.

Shakespeare Day by Day. For the Fairbanks presidential boom: "There's the humor of it."-Merry Wives of Windsor,

For the political audience: To be imprison'd in the viewless winds And blown with restless violence round about

The pendent world."

-Measure for Measure, iii. 1. For the discreet policeman: "The most peaceable way for you, if you do take a thief, is to let him show himself what he is and steal out of your company."-Much Ado About Nothing,

For him who expects nothing-and is not disappointed: "It is a melancholy of mine own, compounded of many simples, extracted from many objects, and indeed the sundry contemplation of my travels, in which my often rumination wraps me in a most humorous sadness."-You Like It, iv. 1.

Never n Chance. "Do you think Gadabout will ever develop into

a spendthrift?" 'Not so long as he is married to Mrs. Gadabout.

ODIOUS COMPARISONS. never liked the man who hiked And told all he might know, But I hate was that goldarned cuss Who tells what just sin't so.

tecording to the Office Philosopher.

An ingenuous spirit who drifted in the other day wanted me to explain the precession of the equinoxes. I told him it was the first preparedness parade, with Old Mother Nature in the role of field marshal.

> And Don't Hef There's much been said of Kaiser Bill, Some for good, but more for ill; But to that all I'll add this still: He certainly likes to have his will.

Turn About.

He (angrily)-1 saw you flirting with that bounder, Jimpson, at the dinner table last night. She (sweetly)-Did you, indeed? I should not have thought you took your eyes from Miss Sweetthing long enough to observe any of my poor efforts.

The Final Blow.

"This is a vale of tears and troubles," remarked Congressman Hammfatt. "What's the matter new?" inquired the loyal onstituent.

"Why, I had almost succeeded in getting a \$145,000 appropriation for a public building at Bugtown when somebody discovered the population had fallen from 421 to 378 in the last ten years. That brought Bugtown below the general average, and the whole scheme went up in

Where Their Future Lies.

"Do you know what happens to little boys who do not tell the truth?" inquired the grieved clergyman, severely.

"Of course I do," replied young Thomas. First they go to Congress and then they get elected to the Ananias Club

To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke. "How do you find the magazine editors?" asked the friend of the recent graduate of the Correspondence School of Literature Polite and considerate gentlemen, as far as

can discover," replied the graduate, "They return my manuscripts promptly and in perfeetly good condition."-Puck

A Passing Figure. We here behold the motorist,

Who swears he will not stop and list. Schold him well, both front and back, For, riding 'cross a railroad track, In haste, some dark and stormy night, He's due to pass from mortal wight Look well upon this motorist, Who'll go full soon and ne er be missed.

Chats With Virginia Editors

The Sandy Valley News has reached a con-clusion. It is as follows: "Mexico is like unto the bad boy who wants to fight, but only hangs back for fear he will get licked."

Commenting on "Mothers' Day" observance, the Lynchburg Advance asks: "Why not turn over a new leaf and give that mother Just as much honor every day as you did yesterday."

George Bernard Shaw says Shakespeare stole all the real ideas he ever had. Then we will have to give William credit for being about the most intelligent and successful plagfarist that ever came down the pike.—Bristol Herald.

Says the Fredericksburg Star: "The old Says the Fredericksburg Star: The old vets at Birmingham decided unanimously to continue their reunions as long as any of them remain alive to attend. We glory in their grit." Especially since they decided to hold their next

taken on new life, and the face of the farmer and the gardener is wreathed in smiles."

Just what the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch is driving at is not plain, but here is what it says: "Richmond's demand for a smoke inspector has no reference to that 'Old Virginia Cheroot' crime."

News of Fifty Years Ago (From the Richmond Dispatch, May 29, 1866.)

The Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia, in council at Alexandria yesterday, adopted by a vote of 80 to 18 a preamble and resolution that "the Dlocese of Virginia now resume its former ecclesiastical relations as a diocese with the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Convention of the United States."

Under the civil rights bill, Judge Underwood has appointed B. F. Foster to be United States commissioner for the District of Virginia. Just what the commissioner's duties are, other than to draw his salary, doth not appear. His office will be in Richmond.

The United States Senate yesterday receded from its amendments to the bill authorizing two annual terms of the United States Circuit Court in the District of Virginia, to commence on the first Monday in May and November. This action restores the authority of the Chief Justice of the United States to hold special terms of the court whenever he sees proper. This may mean an early trial of Mr. Davis. The bill now awaits the signature of the President.

A great scandal has sprung up in the management of the Freedmen's Bureau in Virginia and North Carolina, and President Johnson has found it necessary to issue an order directing the arrest of all officers of that detestable bureau who may be interested directly or indirectly in the cultivation of farms in the South. While the order pertains to the whole South, it is understood that the offenses complained of are largely confined to Virginia and North Carolina.

A fire at Goldsboro, N. C., last night destroyed a block of four buildings, including the offices of the Daily News.

General Robert Toombs, of Georgia, has left Havana for Europe. Just what he continues to flee from nobody knows. He did not do enough real service for the Confederacy, either in the army or in Congress, to make him in any way amenable to United States statutes. He is probably "exiling" himself for future effect, and as he has the money to pay his way, nobody has a right to object.

John G. Whittier, the poet, declines to enter politics by running for Congress in the Massa-chusetts district in which he lives. The Re-publican nomination was offered to him. Counterfeit gold pieces of the \$250 and \$5 variety have become very numerous in Richmond. The counterfeit is a Yankee invention, unknown to the South, and so it is easy enough to pass them off. Two Richmond grocers, one of them a woman, yesterday took in over \$30 of them, and \$40 are just that much out of pocket.

The Alexandria convention, reported in full The Alexandria convention, reported in full in yesterdays paper, held another meeting yesterday and formally organized the Union Republican party of Virginia. John Minor Botts, Judge Underwood and Lewis McKenzle are the graid "muckee mucks" of the thing. The Lewises retired in disgust, not being willing to subscribe to the miserable reconstruction doctrine set forth by old man Botts, and vigorously indorsed and advocated by Underwood and McKenzie.

Health Talks, by Dr. Wm. Brady Phosphorus and Lungs.

The United States Pharmacopoeia legal standthe prescription pharmacy, bible of the medical practitioner, lists a concoction which Huckleberry Finn might have invented on a particularly bad day. It is called "compound sirun of hypophosphites, and, take it from the cld-time doctor, it is good for everything.

A good many years ago a Dr. Churchill pro-

posed the theory that phthisis (consumption) was caused by insufficient oxidation in the tissues. Phosphorus, as chemists well knew, had an affinity for oxygen. Wherefore, flopped the good doctor, give the patient phosphorus to at-tract more oxygen into the body. But pure phosphorus is pretty severe medicine. So combine it with something to make hypophosphite and give the patient the combination. And since the patient usually feels a bit weak, add to the combination something to make him feel strong —say, a dash of strychnine, which, in sufficient quantity, will make even a very weak person throw a fit. And then, for good measure, put in a pinch of quinine—you know, when you can't think of anything else to do to a sick man, there's always quinine. It tastes so like the deuce; the patient will know he is getting real

medicine. Now you have the concection complete, U. S. P., and all strictly orthodox. Of course the retiring, diffident conductor of this department of distress would hardly venture to criticize anything orthodox and scientific, like the Pharmacopoeta. No. Compound strup of hypophosphites isn't so very bad. There is some sugar in it, and sugar is a heart tonic and muscle food, if there is such a thing. Compound strup of hypophosphites is a fine nauseous, nasty, orthodox medicine to take, no matter what ails you. It can't do much harm, so long as you don't drink it as you would buttermilk, or lem-The only fault we can find with the onade. concoction is that it is quickly eliminated from the body through the kidneys—all of it but the strychnine, the quinine and the sugar. It has no effect whatever upon the blood, the oxygena-tion of tissues or the nutrition of the lungs; it is no more tonic to the nerves or heart than a lump of sugar; it does not improve digestio but otherwise it is a first-rate medicine to while away the time with. The taste lingers.

Try a bottle of it some time when you have

nothing in particular to live for. you any, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are loyally contributing to the perpetuation of the superstitions that hallow our noble Pharmaconneis

The Taste of Moth Balls .- Following a severe attack of grippe I have been annoyed by the odor and taste of moth balls, and sometimes I think I taste something like vanilla. Is this

likely to be permanent?

Answer—Are you quite sure you took no lirge Answer—Are you quite sire you took no tirge white pills, about the size of a marbie? Bad taste in the mouth may be a symptom of many different conditions. We have a little monograph about it, which you can have if you will supply the essential s. a. e

Opinion of the Baby Pacifier.-Will you please express your opinion of the baby pacifier?

Answer-Our opinion of that sort of crime would require a ten-acre lot for adequate expression. And we cannot give our opinion of any one who inflicts the thing upon a baby, the postal laws are so very rigid.

Oleomargarine is Wholesome .- is the use of deomargarine as a substitute for butter injurious to health in any way? Answer-No. It is quite as nutritious and wholesome as butter.

The Voice of the People

Back to Puritanism,

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—If it is necessary to censor theaters, why take any chances? Why not close taem all up, as the old Puritans did? Since this wave of Puritanism has struck us, it had just as well go its full length. Pathing and dancing are said to be demoralizing. Why not prohibit them? Also running and rowing costumes? All this may tempt some weak brother or sister. Better give over our paintings and statues to house painters and some cutters to be made "decent," and impose the death penalty for immorality. The old Puritans did all these things, and they are now our models.

H. T. FAUNT LE ROY.

New Kent, Va., May 17.

alive to attend. We glory in their grit." Especially since they decided to hold their next meeting so convenient to Fredericksburg.

The Hopewell Daily Press grieves as follows. The President should not have given Hopewell the quiet slip on Saturday. A visit, if only of the shortest duration, would have been appreciated, and the nation's chief executive would have been edided to see the biggest baby city of the first class in the world.

"There are many kinds of knockers," says the Urbanna Sentinel, "but the railroad knocker is the limit. There are some people who wouldn't he satisfied to work in a pie factory—just biting their name in pies." Having a kind of hard time getting Middlesex County properly interested in that Richmond-West Point-Urbanna Railroad, it seems.

The rains that came are appreciated, even if a cold snap did follow. The Newport News Times-Herald says: "Thank the good Lord for those refreshing showers. All vegetation has the consensation of this distinguished and scholarly Virginian is another link in the chain of mutual courtesies.

New Kent, Va., May 17.

Scholar Justly Honored.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—Wake Forest College is one of those conservative institutions of learning that does not promiscuously scatter its honorary degrees, preferring rather that he whom she honors shall in turn be an honor to her, and for that reason unusual ability and high literary attainment must be the part of him who receives at her hands the degree of doctor of letters. During the commencement exercises just closed this degree was conferred upon an alternative difference was conferred upon an alternative at William and Mary College. His finished scholariship in this department is recognized far beyond State lines, and as a student and translator of old Anglo-Saxon he perhaps ranks second to none. Virginia and the Old North State swap goods and dollars every day; she has sent us many men whom we delight to honor, and now Wake Forest's recognition of this distinguished and scholarity virgini

Peace With Honor One of the Day's Best Cartoons.

MY PEACE TERMS! FIRST CHOICE M CHA CREED.

-From the Rochester Herald.

PROPERTIES OF SPRING VEGETABLES BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—If you have weak nerves and low vitality generally, eat spring onions regularly in small quantities, and if you are unable to sleep, cat them before retiring, for the essential oil of the onion is an excellent soporific. But if you have access to a spring or brook where it grows, you should be very careful, however, that the waters from which it is taken are a full-blooded person, inclined to be feverish or bilious, the onion is not for you. It will make you sneeze and perspire and be uncomfortable generally.

The onion is by no means alone among fresh vegetables in having

among fresh vegetables in having sulphur. A young radish, quickly marked medicinal properties. Nearly grown, is fairly digestible, and makes a all of them have strong acids and esgood appetizer, but when the radish all of them have strong acids and es-sential oils which produce various ef-fects upon the body. Yet most per-sons eat them indiscriminately at this should be avoided. Also it should be avoided. Also it

sons eat them indiscriminately at this should not be pecied, but enten skin and all, and preferably with a bit of the leaf too.

The strawberry, with its heavy content of citric and malic acid, is a specific which bilious people will find beneficial, but which should be eaten amount of iron which it contains. It sparingly by others. There is little food value in the berry. Wood and acid are its chief constituents.

Asparagus contains two active medicinal principles. Its essential substance, with excellent effect upon the com-

Asparagus contains two active medicinal principles. Its essential substance,
asparagin, stimulates the kidneys,
while a green resin called mannite
which it contains has a sedative effect upon the heart and will relieve
palpitation or nervous excitement of
that organ.

Ontained by boiling it, may be drunk
with excellent effect upon the complexion.

Another wholesome vegetable is the
turnip, and one which may be used in
more ways than most persons are
aware. The root, boiled and mashed,
is an excellent vegetable. Turnipators

Celery Formerly Polsonous.

A naturally poisonous plant that has been made very edible by cultivation is the celery. Wild celery growing in the sunlight is a deadly plant; but the cultivated variety when buried and bleached becomes not only a dainty very stable. But a very solution of the control of the vegetable, but a very salutary one. It contains a great deal of sulphur, and for this reason is good for rheumatism. A famous British vegetarian writing in the London Times, asserts

the cultivated variety there is just the United States.

The whole tomate plant is rich in sulphur, so that when burned under fruit trees, the smoke will kill blight the states. ing effect. It should not, however, be eaten with vinegar, as this acid will neutralize its best qualities.

Truit trees, the smoke will kill blight upon them. It is probable that the release of sulphur within the body when the tomato is digested has a decided.

plant is regularly served. Yet cross is rich in lodine, iron, phosphate and potash, and has genuine tonic value, especially in the spring. It is antispecially in the spring. It is antispecific acids and oils, and should serofulous and is credited with being therefore be caten with a view to their contents. beneficial in pulmonary tuberculosis. It effect. The judicious use will clear your head in the morning tables will do a great deal to help and is generally dipped in vinegar or are apt to be aggravated

Common rhubarh is another vegetable which should be used with care, especially by gouty persons. It contains a large amount of oxale acid which combines with alkalies to induce a gouty condition.

The somewhat root, boiled and mashed, is an excellent vegetable. Turnip-tops when young make excellent spring then young make excellent spring to the young make excellent vegetable. Turnip-tops when young make excellent vegetable. Turnip-tops then young make excellent spring the young make excellent vegetable. Turnip-tops the young make excellent vegetable. Turnip-tops the young make excellent spring the young make young ma

The somewhat similar carrot is distinguished by its pronounced antiseptic

What effect the tomato has upon the that on a diet of celery, rheumatism season and canned during the winter, is impossible. Celery also has a se-diative effect upon the nerves. There against the tomato that it causes canare some very sensitive persons who cannot eat it; but for most it is an excellent veretable although the substantial proof has been brought forward, and there is nothing cannot eat it, but for most it is an excellent vegetable, either cooked or raw.

Probably one of the best of American food habits is the abundant eating of lettuce in the summer time. This plant contains lactucerin, which has a genuine narcotic effect. In the wild lettuce this principle is strong that a narcotic may easily be expressed from the stem of the plant; but in the cultivated variety there is just the United States.

neutralize its best qualities.
Water cress is a vegetable which has never been properly appreciated in this country. There are few restaurants when you can order a water-cress salad, and few homes where the cress it is cooked.

will clear your nead in England it is through minor amments and industry and aid digestion. In England it is through minor amments and industry often eaten for breakfast with bread sitions which beset all mankind in the often eaten for breakfast with bread sitions which beset all mankind in the often eaten for breakfast with bread sitions which beset all mankind in the and butter, while in France it is popular as a salad to be eaten with meats, them chronic ailments or tendencies

Useful Kite Flying

The Weather Bureau has equipped a unique kite-flying station eighteen Hebrew Infant Asylum, in New York, miles west of Oklahoma, where a num-ber of men are engaged daily in send-glass. It is divided into twelve coming up large kites three or four miles partments, each having glass sides into the air. This is to secure definite through which the nurse can see that knowledge of atmospheric conditions baby at all times without coming in. will also be useful in arranging aero- rately. A child having a communicanautic courses. The kites are sent ble disease can be cared for in one of up by the men, but they require a strong electrically operated reel to possibility of giving it to the baby in draw them to the earth again. The reel is thoroughly insulated, because the kites are flown upon copper wire, which conduct the natural electricity of the atmosphere, and could give the little tub is supplied in each compartment. draw them to the earth again. con- ment. operator a serious shock if all tacts were not thoroughly protected.

Free Rides on a Movable Floor.

ter, and is moved by a one-fourth essary to keep the ground well chilled, horse-power motor at the rate of one until the danger from frost is past. revolution per hour. The motion is The possibility of preventing frost by too slow to be objectionable to anyone, but considerable amusement is tests. The experiments now in prog-

Largest Ferry in the World. The largest car ferry in the world transports both freight and passenger cars across Carquinez Straits between Port Costa and Bernicia, Cal. It has recently been put into operation as a part of the South rn Paciac Railroad. The ferry boat is 433 feet long. The hull and superstructure are of wood and required over 2,000,000 feet of lumber. The lumber is held in place by seventy-six tons of spikes and 16,000 tons of smaller nails. The ferry has a capacity of thirs-six freight cars and two engines, or twenty-four passenge cars with two engines. It is operated

Glass Hospital Room

The newly completed hospital of the which may affect weather changes, and Each compartment is ventilated sepa-The the next one, although he may be only

lee to Prevent Frost Damage.

An interesting experiment is being The patrons of a certain New York tried in Northern Texas by a number of cafe are treated to a free ride while farmers who have large fruit orchards. cafe are treated to a free ride while they take their meals. The tables are arranged in a large circle which resolves slowly about some musical or dancing "act" in the center. Those who begin their dinner at the entrance of the cafe may find themselves eating their salad course in the rear. The circle is thirty-two feet in diameter, and is moved by a one-fourth farmers who have large fruit orchards. They are endeavoring to retard the budding of their trees by burying fifty-pound cakes of ice at the roots. It is believed that the cold from the ice will counteract the warmth of the first early mild days which bring out the buds before the late frosts are past. The circle is renewed as often as is nected. afforded by the gradual change of lo- ress will be to ascertain if the expense of the ice makes the method prohibi-

Thanksgiving. Lord, for the erring thought Not into evil wrought; Lord, for the wicked will Betrayed and baffled still For the heart from itself kept, Our thanksgiving accept.

For ignorant hopes that were Broken to our blind prayer: For pain, death, sorrow, sent Unto our chastisement: For all loss of seeming good,